

A molded article (10) formed mainly of pulp and comprising an opening portion (11), a body portion (12), and a bottom portion (13), wherein the body portion has no seams, the outer and inner surfaces of the article are smooth, and the body portion has at least one cross-sectional diameter which is greater than a corresponding cross-sectional diameter of the opening portion, the corresponding cross-sectional diameter of said opening portion being located within the vertical plane which contains the cross-sectional diameter of the body portion.